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Council Again Disapproves Parcel Q Development Plan

by Elaine Skolnik

With firmness and dispatch the city council last Monday once again recommended disapproval of the preliminary site plans for the development of Parcel Q in the Beltway Plaza. The council also heard a status report on the acquisition of the Springhill Lake golf course property, and in the matter of mandatory dedication directed the city manager and city solicitor to draw up three amendments to the county ordinance.

Upon learning that the Prince Georges County Planning Board would be reconsidering its action of November 4 on Thursday, the council unanimously adhered to its original stand that the (Parcel Q) plan be disapproved until the Beltway Plaza owners submit an overall comprehensive plan for the western portion of the shopping center. The planning board on November 4 voted to disapprove in the absence of such a plan, although its staff recommendation had been for approval.

According to city manager, James K. Giese, Beltway Plaza developer Sidney Brown, in making the request for reconsideration, said that the delay could cause him to lose the bank which was slated to be constructed on Parcel Q, west of Cherrywood Lane.

Brown recently submitted overall plans to the planning board. These, Giese said, are the same plans previously provided the city with the addition of a "penciled plat of land for a bank." Shown also were an office building coming off Cherrywood Lane and two free-standing buildings with entrances on Greenbelt Road. One building, located on the former Palmer miniature golf course, is slated to be a tire establishment, the other was designated "tenant unknown."

Mayor Richard Pilski was not at all satisfied with the plan which he considered much too vague. "Since 1962 we have been asking Mr. Brown for an overall plan and he comes in with sketches," he said. Pilski was concerned about the development of the land next to Breezewood Drive and the number of road cuts into property off of Cherrywood Lane. Brown contends that he cannot provide a formal plat plan because he does not know where his tenants may wish to locate if and when he makes these arrangements.

Giese did note that Park and Planning may not be in a legal position to withhold approval. The preliminary site plan, according to F. Harris Allen, Principal Development Coordinator for Park and Planning, shows only the division of land, and it is not necessary at this point in planning to designate the uses of the property.

Springhill Lake Golf Course

With respect to city acquisition of the Springhill Lake golf course property for a recreation building and athletic fields, two reasons were given for the delay. Action on this acquisition has been dependent on securing approval of the sales price from the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development which is providing matching open-space grants.

Giese said that the first factor in the delay has been a shift in the HUD area office from Philadelphia to Washington. In the process of transferring records, Giese said, some of the city's documents were misplaced.

The second factor cited was the contacting of HUD by some citizens who questioned the use of the golf course for a recreation building site and ballfields. This action, said mayor Richard Pilski, probably led to HUD's request for a third appraisal of the value of the land,

in addition to the normally-required two that were submitted by the city.

Giese said that he met with Federal officials on Monday to get things moving. It is expected that the city will encounter no further delays if HUD is satisfied with the latest appraisal. However, if more information is required by HUD, then the delay could run into several months.

Some questions have been raised over whether the 11-acre tract is suitable for recreational purposes because of its location in a flood plain. The city maintains that flood plains are frequently used for athletic fields and that the recreation building would be located on a corner of the property that is not in the flood plain.

Mandatory Dedication

In addition to petitioning the county council to change the mandatory dedication ordinance so that Greenbelt would be entitled as a park authority to receive land dedicated under this ordinance, the city council viewed with favor a series of other changes proposed by the city manager.

The first change proposed by Giese concerned the amount of land of new subdivisions to be donated to public authorities for open space. The present law provides that single-family subdivisions dedicate 5 percent of the land and that multiple family subdivisions dedicate 10 percent of the land, on the theory that single-family subdivisions are less densely developed than multi-family subdivisions.

Giese felt that the present formula has an element of inequity since there may be more difference in density between various apartment zones than between certain apartment zoning and single-family homes. He therefore suggested that the amount of acreage to be dedicated should be related to the number of units allowable.

The second change involves the provision in the ordinance which provides that where there is unsuitable land, either because of size or topography in a subdivision, the planning commission may accept a fee in lieu of dedication, and that amount shall be 5 percent of the assessed valuation.

Giese argued that this formula encourages the apartment developers to pay a fee rather than dedicate the land since (1) he gets a 5 percent figure rather than 10 percent; and (2) the assessed valuation is always less than the true value of the property (about 65% of true value). In the case of Greenbriar, he said, the fee in lieu of dedication was less than one-third of the value of the property.

Furthermore, he said, the actual loss to the public is even greater than this because once the property is subdivided and developed, its value is substantially greater and it has an inflationary effect upon the value of adjacent property.

Giese suggested that some other arrangement, such as a flat dollar fee per unit with the dollar fee related to current market value, might be desirable.

In addition, Giese suggested that the planning commission be permitted

WHAT GOES ON

Thursday, Dec. 9, 8 p.m. Special GHI Membership Meeting, Center School

Friday, Dec. 10, 8:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, Co-op Hospitality Room

Saturday, Dec. 11, All day GHI hosts Eastern Cooperative Housing organization meeting, Hamilton Pl.

Tuesday, Dec. 14, 8 p.m. Greenbelt Jr. High PTA meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 15, 8 p.m. National Organization for Women (NOW) Co-op Hospitality Room

Hearing Saturday on Changes in Bus Routes

by Barbara Likowski

The Washington Area Transit Commission has announced a public hearing on Saturday, December 11, to present proposed changes in the number of runs and the routing of the WMA buslines. The hearing will be held at 10 a.m. in the commission's hearing room, 1625 Eye St., N.W., Washington, D.C. A free shuttle bus will be available from the end of the busline in D.C. to the hearing from 9:30 a.m. until 20 minutes following the closing of the hearing.

Proposed WMA changes would eliminate all but one run between 10:15 a.m. and 3:10 p.m., according to the Rev. Kenneth Buker.

Mayor Richard Pilski moved that council go on record as opposing the limited daytime service as this would impose a hardship on the elderly and those who do not drive. Pilski pointed out that bus service should be a public service and not just available at peak times of the day when profits are highest.

Councilwoman Elizabeth Maffay listed three main complaints; the elimination of some runs will be a hardship; the fare is too high within Greenbelt city limits, (55 cents), and under the present routing many people are inconvenienced by not being able to go to the center and back by bus. There was general agreement that the fare was too high locally, but it was pointed out that this would not be taken up at Saturday's hearing.

Edward Courtemanch, Lakecrest Dr., who commutes daily, objected to paying 85c to "subsidize" riders on off hours and Saturdays. Courtemanch felt that in the attempt to do everything at once, nothing was done well. He suggested two separate bus services, one bus for commuters and another community bus for travel within the city.

In a related item, Pilski mentioned that since D. C. Transit was selling its minibuses, the city should investigate the possibility of purchasing one or more.

A WMA official contacted about the proposed bus changes stated that there would be a bus about every two hours during mid-day. The route change sought by WMA would make it possible for people to go to the Center and back by bus. The buses would come into the city as they have been doing and stop at the Center. They would then go up Gardenway to Ridge, up Ridge to Laurel Hill, over Laurel Hill to Hillside, down Hillside to Crescent and on to Kenilworth Ave.

ted to accept land outside of the subdivision in lieu of land within the subdivision. This would be particularly helpful, he said, when the developer has a series of small parcels and it would be advantageous to the public to have combined donations for a large park.

GHI Budget Calls For Hike Of 12.9% in Monthly Charges

by Al Skolnik

Faced with a 9.6 percent increase in operating expenses due to taxes alone, the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board of directors struggled valiantly to bring the 1972 budget under control at its Thursday, December 2, meeting. The crusher, as announced last week, was a \$3.8 million hike in the corporation's property assessment by the county assessor's office which resulted in a projection for taxes that was considerably higher than the original GHI estimates.

Thursday night, the board hacked away at the budget and finally ended up with a budget that calls for an average increase of 12.9 percent in monthly charges — 11.8 percent for the brick homes and 14.0 percent for the frame homes. The 12.9 percent increase, when related to the operating expenses part of the budget, is 16.2 percent.

The membership must approve any increase in operating expenses of 10 percent or more. A special membership meeting will be held tonight (Thursday, December 9) at the Center School Auditorium to consider this action.

The original budget sent out to the members two weeks ago called for an increase of \$301,100 over the 1971 budget. The new budget approved last Thursday cut the increase to \$251,100. The total projected budget is \$2,453,900, of which \$190,900 will come from income other than monthly charges and \$51,500 from working capital and reserves.

Cuts in Budget

The actions of the board included:

(1) A cut in the trim paint program from \$34,200 to \$20,800. This will mean expanding the 5-year cycle to 7 or 8 years.

(2) Elimination of the extra groundsman for a savings of \$7,000.

(3) As a result of getting revised estimates from city manager James Giese that the raise in trash collection fees for 1972 might be closer to \$1 a month than \$2, halved the projected increase in trash collection costs — a reduction of \$9,600.

(4) A decision to seek another way of augmenting working capital by including a provision in new sales contracts for payment of 3 percent of the current purchase price for working capital. Presently, the working capital assessment

is 3 percent of the original purchase price of the home in 1952. In the meantime, the board decided to eliminate the \$10,000 in the 1972 budget for restoring the working capital depleted by prepayment of taxes.

(5) Concluded that the brick reserve situation was such that no further augmenting was needed in 1972. This reduced the budget by some \$11,300. As of the end of 1970, the brick reserves amounted to \$111,300; the frame reserves to \$26,200. Still collected will be \$22,500 for frame home reserves.

(6) Effected a savings of about \$1,100 in its own budget by cutting down on money for committees, membership meetings, and donations.

(7) Halved the capital improvement budget of \$199,400 by postponing those items that could be affected by the recommendations forthcoming from the structural survey. The new capital improvement budget is thus \$96,000 of which \$30,000 will be for the structural survey. The savings in this year's budget, however, will be only \$2,000 as most of the 1972 payment of \$60,200 represents the cost of amortization on moneys borrowed in past years. The cutting of the 1972 capital improvement budget, however, will have a great effect on 1973 monthly charges.

(8) Decided to use the entire previous amount of \$31,100 collected in 1969 from members and earmarked for capital improvement loans but never used because of the delay in getting the program launched. The original budget called for using only \$15,000 of this "reserve" to finance the \$60,200 capital improvement loan payments.

Other Action

On the income side, the board voted to increase rentals from \$6.50 to \$7.00 for open garages and from \$9.50 to \$10.00 for closed garages. This will yield an extra \$1,500 in revenue. The board also voted to increase the commission rate on resales of homes from 4% to 4½%, producing another \$4,400 in income.

The only item increased in the budget was \$10,000 for a management survey, \$5,000 of which will be charged to members in 1972 and \$5,000 to members in 1973. This represented a reversal of a vote taken at the November 18 meeting, as directors Katherine Keene and Janet James shifted their position. Norman Weyel and Dave Lange still opposed the management survey because of the strain on the budget.

This vote put director Tom White on the majority side for a change. White found himself a lone dissenter on most of the other major items in the budget as he favored deeper cuts in the budget, for example, by eliminating the 3 percent cost-of-living increase for GHI employees.

The Audit Committee had earlier in the meeting announced a 2-1 vote favoring the management survey.

ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS!

Tonight is the Night!

Remember

The Special Membership Meeting for consideration of the 1972 Budget tonight, Thursday, December 9 at 8 p.m. in the Greenbelt Center School Auditorium. Urgent that all members attend.

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AN INTERPRETIVE REPORT

Reporter Sees Repetitive Pattern In GHI Affairs

by Alexander Barnes

Nov. 30 (Tuesday) — The Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board continued to hear suggestions and comments from the membership in the city council chambers tonight. The second half of the budget was considered this evening, with questions, comments and criticisms directed at the following items: general administration, heating, structural maintenance, and grounds maintenance.

It is traditional when considering general administration for somebody to stand up and say that GHI employees are being paid too much. At this point a klatch grants a smattering of applause. Three groups then come forth. The first says the administrators, particularly the manager, are overpaid. The second group says the rest of the staff are overpaid. And a third group is represented by a spokesman who says both are overpaid.

The chairman then gives a speech in defense of the salaries. "This is the last place we should cut," and "a dedicated and competent staff is our most valuable resource" are statements usually voiced. Without exception, the tradition was continued tonight.

As usual, an enthusiast of *laissez faire* suggested that the sales office staff be put on commissions, "just like a private enterprise." With the same regularity the board responds that the GHI sales office is different from other real estate offices because the staff accepts only GHI sales; they must represent the corporation as well as the seller; and they handle the processing of the contracts. Director Norman Weyel pointed out that the costs of "general administration" were going down by \$3,500.

Last year the board cut the heating budget after failing to get authorization to increase the budget by more than 10%, at the special membership meeting. Board members had hoped to save money by using a longer "no heat" cycle at night. What they really needed was for those members who voted against the increase to provide them with some warmer weather. So they ended up spending \$585,000 which was \$28,000 more than budgeted, the difference coming out of reserves.

Next year's figure of \$626,000 reflects the increased cost of oil in general as well as the fact that #2 oil is more expensive than the #6 oil, which GHI used to use. The shift was required to avoid anti-pollution laws, violations of which, the manager stated, could have resulted in fines up to \$10,000 per day.

If you missed this meeting, you'll probably be able to hear it all Thursday night, December 9, or, maybe, next year.

Dr. North to Speak

Dr. Floyd H. North, Editor of *The Commission*, monthly publication of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, will be guest speaker at Greenbelt Baptist Church's Sunday Morning Worship Service, at 11 a.m.

Interested friends are cordially invited to hear Dr. North's message on World Missions Today.

Mishkan Torah Ball

A gala "Dedication Ball" will be held at the Mishkan Torah on Saturday, December 18, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. A smorgasbord buffet will be served. The Vince Wintermyer Trio will provide dance music and entertainment. Call 439-1516 for reservations.

Council Speeds Through Agenda in Good Humor

by Sandra Barnes

Light-hearted humor prevailed over the December 6 city council meeting as council members sped through a lengthy agenda with nearly unanimous voting on every issue.

Council enthusiastically approved making minor improvements to the Sanitary Landfill Rd. (Northway Rd. extended) for the purpose of citizens who wish to bicycle to the Goddard Space Flight Center. The city would improve the road to the interchange fence at which point the federal government would finish construction of the path. Edward Green, of Lakeside Rd., indicated that his group had received encouragement in their plans for the bicycle path from the Dept. of Interior, which might provide financial assistance.

Another sporting event receiving council's unanimous approval was the holding of the model yachting regatta on Greenbelt Lake, July 29 and 30. After initial skepticism, involving the possibility of noise pollution, large groups of out-towners using the already crowded lake facilities, and the possibility of setting an unwelcome precedent by allowing outside groups to hold events at the lake, council received the following assurances: the boats, which are radio-controlled, weighing 26 lbs. and are five feet in overall length, produce no noise as they are "powered" only by their sails; last year's event, known officially as the Annual Class Championship Regatta for the East Coast 12 Meter Class for the American Model Yachting Association, drew 35-40 competitors and a crowd of 200 people, advertising is confined to trade journals and local radio shows.

Roderick Carr, president of the yachting association, felt that building such boats often brought fathers and sons together in a worthwhile enterprise, and holding the event in Greenbelt would attract many Greenbelters. This idea seemed to have special appeal to council members who welcomed the event as colorful and family-oriented.

Traffic Signal

The State Highway Administration has asked the city to assume the electrical energy cost for the traffic signal at Greenbelt Rd. (Rt. 193) and Cherrywood Lane. The sum would amount to about \$200 yearly, which Mayor Richard Pilski indicated the city would not consider burdensome. However, the roads commission also asked the city to pick up 20% of the tab (about \$3400) for the installation of the light, sharing the cost with Berwyn Heights and the Phillips Petroleum Corp., which operates a gas station on Cherrywood Lane. However, Berwyn Heights declined to participate in the cost of the signal (even though, according to city manager James Giese, Berwyn Heights was the first municipality to ask for the light).

Councilman Gil Weidenfeld asked the manager if he would investigate the possibility of asking the Beltway Plaza owner, Sidney Brown, to participate in sharing the cost since he has further construction plans for Cherrywood Lane. The manager agreed to sound out Brown and to find out what the highway administration would expect in view of Berwyn Heights' position.

Committee Reports

Advisory Planning Board chairman Charles Collins submitted a letter to council recommending that when an APB member has missed either four consecutive meetings without notifying the chairman, or six regular meetings in one calendar year, that the member be removed from the board by the council. Council received the report and carried it over to a future agenda.

Council unanimously approved authorizing the city staff to institute twice-monthly paper pick-ups beginning in January. Giese noted that paper collection efforts have met with a great deal of success and it is hoped that by reducing the amount of storage space needed for saving papers, the situation can be improved further.

Since Christmas and New Year's fall on Saturday this year, council

agreed to grant city employees an extra holiday to be taken on a day prior to July 1 and approved by his department head.

Superintendent of Public Works, Albert S. Attick, was named acting city manager during the absence of the city manager and following the resignation of Gary Stenhouse.

Council approved the expansion of the D.C. Water Pollution Control Plant which would provide tertiary treatment facilities.

Offered for first reading was an ordinance to authorize the city to issue a tax anticipation note in anticipation of the receipt of payment of special assessments, and an ordinance to amend section 2-22 of the city code to provide for a three-year term of office for members of the PRAB.

Xmas Lighting Contest

Jaycee Chairman Bob Dalton announces that the Jaycees are looking for the most festively decorated house or apartment in Greenbelt. The contest is being conducted to further community spirit and civic pride. All houses in the city will be surveyed during the week of December 12 and a winner will be selected on December 19. An engraved plaque will be presented to the winner.

MEN OF ST. HUGH'S

The Men of St. Hugh's will meet in Grenoble Hall on Monday, Dec. 13, to watch a TV double header sports event in color. The preliminary attraction is Maryland vs the Georgetown basketball team at 7 p.m. Washington Redskin football follows at nine. All men and their friends are invited to come early. Admission is free and beer and snacks will be available.

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With the swift encroachment of the Christmas Holidays, shoppers are rapidly becoming perplexed in trying to determine the myriads of gifts necessary to fill their shopping lists. Well, worry no more, enroll the lucky recipient in a constructive program offered by the Greenbelt Recreation Department. The Recreation Department is offering a hodgepodge of activities ranging from dry land ski instruction to ceramics. The Winter-Spring Program offerings will be circulated thru the elementary schools to Greenbelt residents this Friday. If you don't receive one, call the Recreation Department, 474-6878.

Mishkan Torah Ceremony

"Rededication and Dedication" is to be the theme of ceremonies at the Mishkan Torah on Sunday, December 12, when the first Chanukah candle will be lit and the synagogue's new educational wing dedicated.

The occasion will be marked by an Open House between 2:30 and 4 p.m. At 4 p.m. there will be a short program featuring Chanukah songs by Sunday school students and the lighting of the first candle. Rabbi Maurice Weisenberg, Cantor Donald Weisman, and Rabbi Morris Gordon will participate. Everyone is welcome.

The history of the Mishkan Torah, formerly the Jewish Community Center is unusual, for it was largely a do-it-yourself project by the members, with the support and assistance of many community groups in Greenbelt including several churches.

The amateur carpenters, bricklayers and masons learned as they worked, and on many occasions Protestants, Catholics and Jews worked side by side in a practical demonstration of the brotherhood of man. The building took three years to construct, and was formally dedicated on March 20, 1955.

Holy Cross Services

A folk service will be conducted Sunday, Dec. 12, at 8:30 a.m., at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Rd. Contemporary hymns will be sung accompanied by Joanne Volk and Ann Falkenheim, guitarist's, and Mary Wilkening, cello.

Special Advent services are conducted in the Wednesdays prior to Christmas. Services begin at 7 p.m. On Wednesday, Dec. 15, Dan and Jeannie Sindlinger, Bible translators from York, Pa., will speak about the work they plan to do in Liberia. They leave this country in January for Liberia. As linguists, their task is to translate the Bible into the language of the Liberians. But first, they will have to create a written language for the remote tribes they hope to reach.

Junior Hi Xmas Program

Greenbelt Junior High PTA will present a holiday program on Tuesday, December 14, at 8 p.m.

The chorus, under the direction of Samuel Powell and Miss Rosemary Rockwell, will sing various seasonal selections. Accompanying the chorus will be the Instrumental Music Dept. directed by Frederick Morden.

All are invited to attend and enjoy this evening of musical festivity. Refreshments will be served.

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"WHO ARE WE?" AT JCC

The last in a series of group dynamics for young people and adults will be held on Monday, December 13 at 8 p.m. at the Mishkan Torah. Entitled "Who Are We?" the exploration of the Jewish family and intermarriage will be led by Dr. Elaine Hollander. The public is invited.

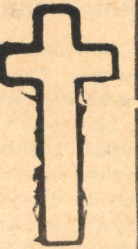
Library Tree-Trim

On Saturday, December 11, children of all ages are invited to come to the Greenbelt Public library between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to make ornaments for the Christmas tree in the Children's Department. This annual Tree-Trim may be attended on a drop-in basis without prior registration.

"The Story of Christmas"

The Chancel Choir of Greenbelt Baptist Church, under the direction of Mr. Henry Hecht, will present "The Story of Christmas" by John Peterson, on Sunday, at 7

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Our Neighbors

by Elaine Skolnik - 474-6060

During November, the Springhill Lake Elementary school worked with the Save the Children Federation in their drive to gather clothing for the children of Appalachia.

Congratulations to Viola Spooner of the Greenbelt Tops who won the title of the "Best Loser" of the Prince Georges County Area Tops Clubs.

County Executive William W. Gullett's appointment of Thomas X. White to the Model Neighborhood Action Board was approved by the County Council on November 29. The board evaluates and develops programs established under a \$14 million-grant made to Prince Georges County by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Mrs. Carrie Hall has gone to Florida with her daughter and son-in-law, the Tomlinsons of Ontario, Canada. They will spend the winter at Cocoa Beach.

Marine Lance Corporal William T. Markley, 418 Ridge Road, was a member of a specially formed Honor Platoon which performed during Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird's visit to Camp Pendleton, Calif.

LION BELLES CLUB

The Greenbelt Lion Belles Club held their November meeting at the home of Mrs. Maravene Clay in Bowie. A filmstrip of art by noted painters was shown and a workshop followed.

On December 17, the Club will have their Christmas party at Burn Brae Dinner Theatre and see a performance of "Fiddler on the Roof."

The Lion Belles have been busy selling raffle tickets for a hand-hooked rug, to be drawn New Year's Eve. The proceeds are to benefit the Lion's Eye Bank and Research Foundation of Metropolitan Washington.

Greenbelt Tennis Club

The newly elected officers of the Tennis Association are: President, Bill Gaskins; Vice-President, Bob Jackson; Secretary, Sue Modzelewski; Treasurer, Wynn Cooper.

Anyone interested in playing should come to the courts at 10 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Persons who wish to join the Association may contact Bob Jackson at 794-8132 during the evening hours.

4-H Roundup

by Nicole Spiegelthal

On Thursday, December 2, the 4-H Jolly Green Girls did Salt Ceramics. The girls used molds of stars, hearts, and other things to make the designs. After the designs were made, the leader, Mrs. Turkewicz, put them in the oven to bake. When they were hard enough, the designs were painted by the girls. Most of the designs had something to do with Christmas.

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Recreation Review

Coaches' Basketball Clinic

On Saturday, December 18, the Greenbelt Recreation Department will sponsor a basketball clinic, designed for Boys' Club coaches, in the Greenbelt Youth Center. The registration fee is due no later than December 15. Please make checks payable to the City of Greenbelt. A buffet lunch will follow the clinic at 1:30 p.m. and there will be no extra charge. For further information call 474-6878.

Ski Trip

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is accepting names for a ski trip for teens to Charnita Ski Resort, Fairfeld, Pennsylvania for Wednesday, Dec. 29. Participants will leave by bus from the Prince Georges Plaza Community Center at 7:30 a.m. and will return 6:30 - 7 p.m. the same day. Equipment may be rented or personal equipment may be taken. For further information call 474-6878.

Santas' Coming

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the Youth Center on Wednesday, December 22 from 2-5 p.m. All preschool youngsters are urged to come and see Santa between 2 and 5 p.m. Elementary school children are invited to come after school. Arrangements may be made by school teachers to have their classes come to the Youth Center during the afternoon hours, call 474-6878. Surprises for all, don't miss the fun.

CITY OF GREENBELT DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION FOLK SINGING

The Greenbelt Recreation Department, in recognizing the need for a congenial atmosphere where friends can gather, is sponsoring a Folk Singing Program Thursday night, December 16, from 8-10 p.m. at the Greenbelt Recreation Center where refreshments will be on sale. Bring your guitars and join this festive gathering of friends. The female genre is especially encouraged to attend this gala gathering.

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Educational Drug Program Receives Council Approval

by Barbara Likowski

The Prince Georges County "Roving Leader" program was granted office space in the city's Ridge Road center at city council's December 6 meeting. The "Roving Leader" center, which is part of the county's Drug Treatment program, will operate on a six month trial basis.

Speaking for the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB), Dan Minster presented to council the findings and recommendations of CRAB. CRAB recommended that the "Roving Leader" program be permitted to use space in the Ridge Road center for a six months trial, and that during the trial period the program will be monitored by CRAB.

The Board also advised that the primary effort of the center be directed towards adult education. CRAB intends to have open meetings to gauge citizen reaction to the "Roving Leader" center and will offer final recommendations at the end of the trial period. Minster emphasized that this will not be a center for drug treatment. Drug users are treated at the Rt. 301 center only. He felt that citizen concern would diminish once the program was started and people had a chance to see it in action.

Councilwoman Elizabeth Maffay was concerned that people from other cities would be coming to Greenbelt.

Although no one is turned away from these centers, because of Greenbelt's geographic isolation Minster felt most of the participants would be from Greenbelt. "Law enforcement only gets one look into trying to quantify drug problems," Minster said. The "Roving Leader" center will offer evaluation of the drug problem in the community as well as education and consultation.

Councilman Charles Schwan expressed his feeling that the recommendations of CRAB were quite reasonable. Stating that "No man is an island," Schwan said that it did not matter to him if people did come from outside Greenbelt to the center. He then moved to accept CRAB's report and recommenda-

tions.

City manager James Giese questioned the monitoring aspect. Minster explained that CRAB members would drop in from time to time and stay in touch with the program without getting actively involved in the actual running of the center. He pointed out that the roving leaders would seek out adults in the city to spread education about the program and would not just wait to be contacted.

Noting that there had been several PTA programs about drugs, Councilman Gil Weidenfeld wondered why we were so ready to talk about the problem but not willing to do anything about it.

Mayor Richard Pilski stated he did not object to giving the free office space for a six month trial period. Pilski did not want the county council to feel they could indefinitely use city facilities free of charge. Wilbert R. Wilson, one of the leaders of the Drug Abuse program, informed council that if the program proves to be worthwhile, he will try to pay a fee for continued use of the office space.

Mrs. Maffay reported that she spoke to Chief Lane who assured her that there was at present no pressing drug problem in the city.

She took exception to the location of the office since the Ridge Road center was bought for recreational purposes. Minster pointed out that the facilities to be used would not interfere with the continued recreational usage of the building.

Evelyn Feller, 11 Ridge, approved of the center. No one else in the audience of about 40 people offered an opinion about the proposed program. The recommendations of CRAB were then approved by council, with Mrs. Maffay dissenting.

NEW PARTY MTG.

A meeting of the New Party of Prince Georges County will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 8 p.m. at 14-X Ridge Rd., Greenbelt. Robert Auerbach will report on the national convention in Dallas which chose the name Peoples Party and nominated Dr. Benjamin Spock for President. Plans will be made for the coming Maryland State convention and the presidential campaign.

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